

Meeting Minutes 11-11-15

Meeting Start: 8:08 pm

Meeting End: 9:20 pm

Treasury: The latest update from our treasurer reported the club's account is in strong shape. BSF club member holiday party, and club dinner expenses lie in the future.

Dues: Dues for 2016 will cost members each \$50.00. The cost has gone down from \$75.00/year. NO Somerset Fly Fishing show tickets will be included with dues payment this year. Show Special Membership for NEW members will cost \$30.00. and will include a club hat or club shirt. Due payments are being accepted for 2016.

Library: A great library of DVD and literature is available at \$1/ item. A list of available items is on our website. <http://bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com/about-us/club-library/> or contact Jack McDonald at john.f.mcdonald@verizon.net. Let him know what book or DVD you want about 4 days before a meeting and he will bring it to the meeting for you. *If you have any material out from the library for an extended period of time, please return it. As discussed before, we would like to do an inventory and reorder the staples of fly fishing literature the club needs on hand for new members. Let us know what you got or what you lost... Also, keep your eyes peeled, as the club library is always looking for new fly fishing literature; how-to guides and new DVD's. This will allow us to maintain a diverse collection of offerings to members.

Social Media: Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders is on Facebook. Log on to Facebook and click "Like it", you will be linked to the club's reports and member discussion pages. The more we use it the better and more fun it will become. Share photos, reports, funny stories, etc. Enjoy! Thanks to Kenny Ecklund for technical guidance and support for keeping the facebook page updated. Thanks to the members who keep it fresh and interesting...

The bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com website is up and running. We need to keep adding to the picture archive to keep things current. Send some photo of your recent catches to Tom Dwyer @ tdwyer61@optonline.net He will get them on the website. Make sure pictures have captions attached so they can be opened.

Raffle: 9 wt Temple Fork Fly fishing rod & Lamson Velocity reel raffle tickets are still on sale. \$10/ ticket. 100 tickets will be sold before drawing. Best of luck to those who are in to win!

Fly Fishing Show: Table 5 in the lobby/ admission area is booked for the Fly Fishing show in Somerset January 29th, 30th, 31st 2016. Please start tying flies for the raffle for the show. Freshwater & saltwater displays will be raffled off. The club is well stocked with freshwater flies so focus on tying up some flashy, super colorful saltwater flies. For every 5 flies a member donates to the raffle, they will receive a ticket for a drawing where the prize will be free membership to Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders club for 1 year.

The club also hopes to raffle off a high end SIMMS wading jacket, waders, member guided trip, or some other item to perhaps elicit the interest of diverse show visitors.

If you have any current trophy pictures of fly caught fish send them over to Jack McDonald (email noted in library section above) to get them on the NEW BSF 2016 Somerset fly show display board.

Special thanks to Jack for his assistance with getting the fly boards organized. Thanks to craftsman Bob Gargano for constructing the club's new, light weight display boards to showcase the club members fly caught fish photos at the show.

International Fly Fishing Symposium: This event will be held at the Garden State Exposition Center in Somerset, NJ on November 21 & 22nd 2015. This exposition offers fly tying seminars and showcases some of the world's sought after tyers. Shops and manufacturers will be there as well displaying equipment and selling materials.

Coat Drive: Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD) is holding their annual winter coat drive. Member Steve Fauer will be collecting any lightly used or unused winter coats for those less fortunate. Please have the coats dry cleaned and bring them down to our November and December meetings. If you can't get the coats dry cleaned, bring them in anyway and the club will take care of it. We look forward donating as many coats as we can to support PRAHD's charitable goals.

Speakers: For the club's December 2015 meetings & any of our monthly 2016 meetings, highlight/speaker/presenters are open for suggestion. We would like to welcome a guest for a tying and or a guiding presentation. Maybe a modestly priced fly tying presenter? Ecological organizations, local conservation-education, or mutual interest groups perhaps? Let the board members know what you think would be a good choice.

Holiday Party: For our December meeting, next month, food and refreshments will be hand to celebrate the holidays.

Club Dinner: The annual club dinner was touched on again to keep it fresh in members mind. We hope to continue to get a preliminary report from our dinner committee and members input to help consider some potential dining locations. Members are especially welcome to offer the board suggestions for location or any other ideas to make this event enjoyable and successful. Gifts and donations are needed for prizes. A donation letter is on the club's website.

Committees: The club would REALLY like to have some members designated to specific committees. The fly show table, trips, tying nights, meeting presentation, photo management, and membership are all areas where the club needs member support to make the task of planning and carrying out club activities efficient and easy. If you have an interest in any of the mentioned committees please let the board know.

Saltwater Registry: Sign up for New Jersey Saltwater Registry Program online. NJ & NY are both free. Keep in mind for those traveling to Cape Cod, you have to register up there independently of NJ or NY with a cost of \$1.25 per angler for senior citizens.

Merchandise: NEW BUTTON DOWN FISHING SHIRTS ARE Going fast! \$50.00 per fishing shirt with an embroidered club logo. In addition, club hats, t-shirts, and stickers are all available for purchase. Since a stash of t-shirts and hats were found in the club shed, and many sizes are available, the club has decided to offer a special on a combo purchase; for \$25.00 you will get a hat and shirt, or \$15.00 if purchased individually. Samples of all club merchandise will be on hand at our meetings. Let me know in advance what you want and I will bring it in. The club hopes to get the merchandise up on the website soon for ordering in the future. Also, club zip up, hooded sweatshirts will be ordered soon

BUZFLY: Thanks to Brad Buzzi for offering his vast knowledge and supply of premium fly tying materials to our club members. He often brings items for tying to the meetings (bucktail, hooks, UV Cure products, etc.) for sale. If there is anything you might want him to get for you let him know and he will get it to you. He can be reached at BUZFLY.com

If anyone who wants to learn a specific fly pattern or technique let Brad know! Crease flies, UV/ epoxy flies, synthetic material use, natural material use, half and halves, clousers, poppers, exotic location flies are all options that can be demonstrated at future club

STORMR GEAR: Jeff Abrams has offered to club members the opportunity to purchase some high performance gear bags/ sling backpacks & Stormr surf fishing garments. He brought along some sample jackets of the Stormr gear to show members its durability and quality. Here is the link to view products made by Stormr <http://stormrusa.com/products/>. Costs for each product if ordered through Jeff is significantly discounted. Check out the website and see what you want. Let Jeff know what you want so he can get a multi member order together. Feel free to call him at (908)917-1373. or email at jeff.abrams@comcast.net. Thanks in advance to Jeff for extending this opportunity to us...

Misc. If you have an address change or a new e-mail address, please let us know so we can update our records.

Club Members were asked to recognize the club does not have a 5013C charitable designation. The board is looking into reestablishing this title. Members will be kept notified as more information about this technical matter comes through.

Tying Night for November was cancelled. The club is hoping to hold a tying night meeting at the VFW every month through the winter. The tying meetings will usually be held on the last Wednesday of the month. Bring your vice down with any tools or material you have. Extra material is always on hand. Hands on demonstration of fly pattern tying among members is the task at hand for these meeting. Come on out to learn and share.

IGFA Museum is no longer in Florida. IGFA offices are still there, but the museum had relocated to Springfield, Missouri.

Fishing Reports: Striped Bass are around and so are some big bluefish. Oceanside beaches have been producing so has Raritan Bay (Jersey & Staten Island)/ Shrewsbury River/Navesink. Bait is on the move. Oceanside beaches, rivers, and the bays are holding spearing, peanut bunker, adult bunker, & anchovies. All fish can get picky with so much natural bait available, but flies can offer an uncanny similarity and get a fish's attention. Find the bait and patiently stick with it until the fish find it. Tight Lines to all...
The club NEEDS ideas... Perhaps a fly fishing guide from somewhere or some kind of destination presentation. It doesn't have to be formal or limited to fly fishing. All members are encouraged to ponder, seek, and contribute. The hope is to keep the club vibrant, the meetings well attended, and members always interested...

Secretary, Tim Semler